Tennessee Hogs

This brochure highlights 3 major areas of the pork production business in Tennessee and the United States:

- **Tennessee Inventory** (history of the industry)
- **Prices** (historic prices received by Tennessee farmers for market hogs)
- **Latest U.S. Numbers** (inventory, pig crop, farrowing intentions, number of hog farms)

Tennessee Hogs - Quick Facts

☞ 12/1/09 - Inventory, at 185,000 head, down **10%** from 2008.

☞ A decrease in market hogs, down 9%

☞ The 2009 pig crop, at 324,000 head, was 18% less than the 2008 pig crop.

☞ The average pigs saved per litter was 9.00 for December 2008-November 2009**.**

Did You Know?

✎ Primary markets for U.S. pork products are Japan (which accounts for about one-third of U.S. exports), Mexico, and Canada. The primary competitors of the United States in foreign markets are Canada, Denmark, and Brazil.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service

Historic Figures

Tennessee December 1 Inventory

Year	All Hogs	Breeding	Market Hogs
	(thousand head)		
1970	1,395	230	1,165
1971	1,269	197	1,072
1972	1,050	149	901
1973	940	141	799
1974	880	131	749
1975	920	150	770
1976	1,010	167	843
1977	1,180	195	985
1978	1,300	247	1,053
1979	1,400	245	1,155
1980	1,140	190	950
1981	900	130	770
1982	750	130	620
1983	950	140	810
1984	1,100	150	950
1985	950	130	820
1986	770	115	655
1987	820	117	703
1988	1,000	150	850
1989	700	100	600
1990	620	90	530
1991	670	90	580
1992	600	85	515
1993	500	70	430
1994	580	75	505
1995	500	65	435
1996	400	51	349
1997	340	45	295
1998	300	40	260
1999	250	30	220
2000	230	35	195
2001	225	30	195
2002	225	30	195
2003	215	25	190
2004	215	23	192
2005	190	20	170
2006	220	22	198
2007	140	18	122
2008	205	20	185
2009	185	17	168

Market Year Average Prices

Tennessee Prices Received

Year	Sows	Barrows & Gilts	All
	(dollars per cwt)		
1969			21.90
1970			22.50
1971			17.30
1972			24.80
1973			37.70
1974			34.20
1975			45.90
1976			42.90
1977			38.90
1978			46.70
1979			41.70
1980			38.20
1981	40.10	44.30	43.80
1982	48.70	51.90	51.40
1983	40.20	47.60	46.70
1984	41.00	47.90	47.10
1985	38.70	44.40	43.20
1986	39.40	46.80	45.70
1987	42.00	51.40	50.40
1988	31.80	42.80	41.60
1989	33.70	42.30	39.90
1990	43.70	51.10	50.40
1991	38.60	47.70	46.80
1992	30.20	40.40	39.30
1993	34.30	44.50	43.50
1994	30.50	39.40	38.50
1995	29.40	39.10	38.10
1996	40.50	49.80	48.90
1997	43.30	50.20	49.60
1998	24.60	33.90	33.00
1999	24.10	29.70	29.20
2000	36.00	42.00	41.00
2001	37.00	44.00	43.00
2002	23.00	33.00	32.10
2003	27.00	37.00	36.00
2004	41.00	48.00	47.30
2005	42.00	48.00	47.40
2006	33.00	44.000	42.90
2007	31.00	45.00	43.60
2008	30.00	46.00	44.40

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 2 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009. **Breeding inventory,** at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory,** at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

U.S. Pig Crop

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June- August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. Farrowing Intentions

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for March-May 2010, at 2.94 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008.

U.S. Hogs Under Contract

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

FACTS

✔ Tennessee's December 2009 **Hog Inventory** was down 20,000 head from last year.

✔ ***Only one*** percent of Tennessee farms produce hogs, while **65 percent** had hogs in 1950.

✔ Pork accounts for about a fourth of domestic meat consumption, with imports accounting for over 4 percent of that. ***Exports*** account for about 14 percent of domestic production.

✔ U.S. inspected ***hogs are slaughtered*** at the rate of around 400,000 per day.

✔ Per capita ***consumption of pork*** in the U.S. was 49 pounds in 2006. Pork consumption is highest in the Midwest, followed by the South.

✔ The U.S. hog herd stands at nearly 66 million animals, with about 69 percent of them in the Corn Belt area. About 17 percent of hogs are produced in the Southeast.

Hogs & Pigs Quick Facts

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